

**Specification as Amended:**

On page 1, please replace the title of the invention with the following:

-- LID FOR CANNED BEVERAGES AVOIDING POLLUTION BOTH TO  
BEVERAGE AND ENVIRONMENT

Please delete the contents contained in the specification from page 3, line 29 through page 5, line 27.

On page 5, after page 28, please insert the following:

Fig. 1 shows a can of the known type, open, side view, partly cut away;

Fig. 2 shows the lid according to the present invention, cross section with

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enlarge detail;

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Fig. 3 is a plan view of the lid with outwardly inclined handle;

Fig. 4 is a can with the lid applied, in longitudinal section with enlarged

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detail;  
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Fig. 5 is the can with the lid applied, in perspective view; and

Fig. 6 is the can open and emptied, with lid handle engaged in the opening, in perspective view.

The can 10 of the known type, open comprises the cylindrical body 11 and truncated-cone shaped mouth 12 with rim 13, closed by the top 15. The aperture 23 with edges 24 is visible, the aperture being made by pulling the prepared tear-off part, as in well-known types.

The lid 30 of plastic material, subject of the invention, presents shape and internal dimensions which, when subjected to slight elastic pressure, correspond to the top of the can, and comprise the cylindrical mouth 32 connected by the truncated-cone shaped body 33 to a channel 35 shaped like an overturned "U" with convex base 31.

Inside the lid there is a first annular rib 48 situated substantially at the top of the truncated-cone shaped body 33.

A second annular rib 49 is present substantially in the area between the truncated-cone shaped body 33 of the lid and its cylindrical mouth 32.

Fixed onto the lid 30 is a handle 40 to facilitate detachment from the can when required, there being in the handle a central hole 41 and notches 43 in the lateral edges.

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The length between the bases of the notches is slightly greater than the width of the opening made when pulling off the top of the can.

The handle, which, when not in use, lies close to the truncated-cone shaped body 33 of the lid, can be rotated outward, as shown in Figure 3, to facilitate the pulling action exerted on the lid.

Figures 4 and 5 show how the lid 30 is applied to the can 10.

It will therefore be seen that the truncated-cone shaped body 33 of the lid 30 matches with the truncated-cone shaped mouth 12 of the can 10 by means of the annular sealing ribs 48 and 49, and by matching between the cylindrical mouth 32 of the lid 30 and the cylindrical body 11 of the can 10.

The rib 48 at the top of the can prevents leakage of any remaining beverage, while the rib 49, close to the cylindrical body of the can, hinders penetration of any polluting substances from the outside.

Figure 6 illustrates forced insertion of the moderately elastic handle 40 inside the aperture 30 in the top of the can when the beverage 28 has been consumed. The stable connection thus formed between can and lid prevents the latter from being discarded and so polluting the environment.

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On page 10, please replace the abstract with the following:

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A lid (30) of plastic material, applied by pressure, having a lateral handle (40), the purpose of the lid being to protect the top of the can (10) for drinks (28) against pollution, includes an opening (23) being made by a tear-off tongue (19), the lid matching substantially with the top of the can. The internal facing of the lid has] a protuberance that acts as a stopper (45) and hermetically closes the aperture (28) in the can (10) when opened, thus avoiding accidental spillage of the drink (28) remaining in the can.